

IN THE PUBLIC WELFARE



**The Alberta Government's
Public Welfare Services
Cover A Wide Field**

MOTHERS' ALLOWANCES

Number receiving benefits in 1947—

Widows 1561

Children 3385

Average monthly allowance per child \$17.70.

Periodical investigations and reports are made.

CHILD WELFARE

When a child becomes a ward of the Government, every effort is made to immediately place it in the type of home best suited to its particular needs.

Every child in the home of prospective adoptive parents is placed there on a probationary basis, and after the probationary period of one year has expired, the adopting parents are required to submit a petition for an Order of Adoption to a judge of the District Court through the facilities of the Child Welfare Commission.

The following points are worthy of note:

1. The home in which a child is to be placed is carefully investigated by the Home Investigating Committee before placement is made, and it is thereafter periodically inspected during the period of probation.

2. A thorough medical examination, including the Wasserman test, is made of each individual child and the result of this, together with a complete history of the child, is given to the prospective adoptive parents.

The number of children placed in prospective homes during the year 1947 was 517, while those placed in foster homes during the same period was 171.

SERVICES FOR PENSIONERS

Free hospitalization and medical treatment is provided for all Alberta residents receiving Old Age Pensions, Blind Pensions, and widows in receipt of Mothers' Allowance, and their dependants.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Fifty-five Municipal Hospitals in Alberta.

The number of people benefiting by the Municipal Hospital Scheme, who are receiving Hospitalization at one dollar per day or less—240,000.

FREE BLOOD PLASMA

Transfusions of blood are now available free of cost to all residents of Alberta. This means a direct saving of approximately half

a million dollars each year to our citizens. We ask our people to continue to donate their blood so that this service can continue.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

Alberta has led the way towards economic security for those who have devoted the best years of their lives to the development of our country.

Amount of Pension paid since April 1st, 1948—\$37.00 per month.

COST OF SERVICES

The estimated expenditure out of Provincial revenue for Health and Welfare services for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1949, is \$7,717,000.00.



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